शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलबीर सिंह) : (क) से (ग) कांसे की प्रतिमा बनाने का कार्य प्रगति पर है, जैसे ही प्रतिमा बनाने का कार्य पूर्ण हो जाएगा, वैसे ही इसकी स्थापना का कार्य किया जायेगा ।

किसान घाट का विकास

2232. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री 24 फरवरी, 1989 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 379 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने श्मशान स्थल पर बनाई गई भारत के भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री चौधरी चरण सिंह की समाधि का विकास करने और इसके आसपास की भूमि का सुधार करने के लिए कोई कार्यवाही की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में क्या भावी योजनाएं हैं ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलबीर सिंह) : (क) से (ग) समाधि या इसके आसपास की भूमि के सुधार के लिए कोई कार्यवाही नहीं की गई है क्योंकि इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा अभी निर्णय लिया जाना है ।

Funds for Jawahar Rozgar Yojana for Tripura

2233. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) the amount sanctioned and released so far for the Scheme of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana for Tripura;

(b) the number of working days likely to be generated as a result thereof; and

(c) the number of families living below the poverty line in Tripura at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) A total of Rs. 541.43 lakhs of resources have been allocated to Tripura under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) during the current financial year. This includes the Central and the State share of Rs. 433.14 lakhs and Rs. 108.29 lakhs respectively. Out of the Central ishare as indicated above, so far an amount of Rs. 195.22 lakhs in cash and foodgrains valuing Rs. 26.547 lakhs totalling Rs. 221.767 lakhs has been released to the State as the first instalment.

(b) With the resources allocated to the State under the Yojana 18.88 lakh mandays of employment is likely to be generated during 1989-90.

(c) As per the available National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO's) survey report of 1983-84, 4.60 lakh persons were living below the poverty line in the State Data in respect of persons/families at present living below the poverty line in the State is not available.

Difficulties faced by migrant workmen In Orion

2234. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious difficulties faced by the migrant workmen of Orissa in getting their claims settled when compensation cases are taken up by the Commissioners of other States;

(b) whether there is a proposal to amend Section 21 of the Workmen's Compensation Act in regard to transfer of claim cases of migrant workers to the compensation Commissioners of their native States;

(c) if so, the suggestions given by different State Governments and particularly Orissa Government in that regard; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government are considering the possibility of making a suitable provision in the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 to permit transfer of claims cases of migrant workmen to Compensation Commissioner's of the native States The state Governments of Bihar, Rajasthan etc. have suggested suitable amendment in the Workmen's Compensation Act. The Government of Orissa have specifically recommended amission of the words "unless all the parties to the proceedings agree to the transfer" from the proviso to sub-section (2) of Section 21 of the Workmen's Compensation Act by a suitable amendment.

Increase in the Foreign Exchange Allocation to Newsprint Industry

2235. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Newsprint Industry is facing the shortage of imported Newsprint in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the arrangement made by Government to meet the requirements of imported newsprint;

(d) whether Government propose to increase foreign exchange allocation to the Newsprint Industry; and

(e) if so, the steps taken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TTWARY): (a) and (b) Newsprint Industry is not facing shortage of imported newsprint.

(c) to (e) Government are importing newsprint through the State Trading Corporation of India to bridge the gap between indigenous production and consumption. Government have decided to release additional foreign exchange to the tune of Rs. 95 crores *to* meet the requirement of imported newsprint.

Coverage to the News and Views of Opposition Parties by News Media

2236. SHRIMATI BIIOYA CHAKRAVARTY . Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan and All India Radio do not give due coverage to the news and views of the opposition parties and leaders and these media only capitalise; the negative aspects of the opposition for public consumption; and

(b) if not what criteria Government adopt for the assessment of the news worthiness of the views of the opposition for broadcast and telecast through Doordarshan and All India Radio?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF: K. K. TIWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) AIR and Doordarshan strictly adhere to the news policy and guidelines. The view points of the Ruling Party as well as the Opposition Parties are reported on the, basis of their news value.

News Item Captioned Pepsico to Raise Stake as Project Scope Widens\

2237. SHRI CH1MANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether- it is a fart that the Project's scope has been widened substantially as reported in 'the Business Standarde of 13th july, 1989 under the Caption 'Pepsico to raise stake as project scope widens'; and

(b) if so, whether the soft drinks part of the project also increase substantially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING